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17 February 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Navy Photo Interpretation Center Participation
in Satellite Weather Reconnaissance Project

1. To follow up on my brief verbal exchange with [redacted] I would call to your attention a new project which appears to be developing between ARPA (Roger Warner) and USN-PIC (Coleman - Van Keuren). It is reported to me that Roger Warner wants USN-PIC to get into the satellite weather reconnaissance business by the fall of 1959. USN-PIC has prepared a briefing proposal on the subject which ARPA has heard and Warner is currently urging the Navy on a "sheestring" basis to help support or endorse the installation of low-resolution TV-type camera devices for recording and transmitting broad features of world weather systems.

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2. USN-PIC representatives Van Keuren and Coleman came to me on 6 February and sought CIA support in the form of money and/or endorsement of the project idea on the basis of CIA-PIC being supplied copies of the results achieved. I couldn't see how it would be worth our while to invest any money (particularly a sum [redacted] in this and I so stated. As far as endorsing the idea of this project, I am doubtful of what line you would want me to play here and have therefore made no response on this point to the Navy.

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3. I don't know Roger Warner and his function, responsibility, or intent in this subject but felt that you should be posted on this new twist along the tortuous road to satellite reconnaissance.

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cc: Mr. Reber

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